

**Mayor's Council on Disability
Chattanooga, Tennessee**

**Meeting Minutes
August 7, 2006**

**Sandra Booher, Chairperson
Bea Lyons, Vice Chair
Katie Jones, Secretary
Jill Hindman, Parliamentarian**

Board Members:

**Kim Williams
Jim Queen
Dr. Rick Rader
Mary Ann Schenk
Kathy Purnell
Gina Turley
Jennifer Nichols
Susan Crisp
Virginia Piper
Karl Epperson
Annie Ruth Palmer**

Matt Lea, Liaison

Assistant to Mayor for Special Projects

Michelle Michaud, Liaison

Communications Director Mayor's Office

**Meeting called to order, by Chairperson, Sandra
Booher**

In attendance:

Katie Jones

Dr. Rick Rader

Sandy Booher

Bea Lyons

Susan Crisp

Virginia Piper

Jim Queen

Jill Hindman

Matt Lea

Phillip Stevens

June & July Minutes – approved

New Business:

Welcomed visitors to the meeting

Kim Chapman will be the emcee for the ADA celebration. The official way to pull up our website:

www.mcd.chattanooga.gov

WNOO radio wants a representative to talk about the council and the ADA celebration on air. Jill Hindman volunteered to go to the station.

David Morris, from Habitat International is the keynote speaker at the ADA celebration. We have 30 requests for exhibitors. ADA celebration, August 26, 10:00 – 1:00. Waiting for location. Orange Grove dancers, Kids on the Block, vendors and agencies will be in attendance.

Bylaws: Sending back to have some wording and dialogue reworked. Will resubmit at the September meeting.

Dr. Radar and Jill addressed the “stigma” free mission. The council is stressing the difference between INCLUSION and ACCESSIBILITY.

Need mission statement for the Council on the website. Jennifer Nichols has put together videos to utilize in schools, churches and other facilities, to help those without disabilities to become aware of obstacles and stigmas those with disabilities face day to day. The videos are available and anyone interested should contact the Council.

Thanks to Dr. Rader for potentially having Chattanooga included along with the city of Chicago as a STIGMA free city.

August 16, 10:000 a.m. 911 Board meeting. Bea Lyons will present concerns regarding text messaging and its compatibility with existing 911 equipment.

Chattanooga will be host city for National Recreation inclusion in '08 or '09.

Chair Sandra Booher mentioned that perhaps a representative could attend the town meetings that the Mayor is setting up in different areas of town. Matt Lea will look into that possibility and report back.

Jill Hindman and Ms. Freeman with TBO, are working with CARTA to devise a Human Service Plan.

Karl Epperson brought up the issue of poor maintenance, high fees and lack of air conditioning as problems the tenants of the Jaycee Towers and Patten Towers are facing. This is a matter we are unable to rectify, but several suggestions were made who to contact for the problems.

Mary Ann Schenk's brother-in-law died. He had Downs Syndrome and developed Alzheimer's. A card will be sent to her.

There is space available on the board for another member. Chair Sandra Booher has established a waiting list for the numerous persons who are calling for membership on the Council.

NEXT MEETING: September 5, 2006.

Meeting adjourned

**Minutes respectfully submitted: Katye Jones,
Secretary**